

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 4893

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 11, 1996

Application of ZOHERY TOURS)	Case No. AP-96-39
INTERNATIONAL, INC., for a)	
Certificate of Authority --)	
Irregular Route Operations)	

By application filed July 3, 1996, Zohery Tours International, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van and one sedan. Applicant's proposed tariff contains hourly rates and individual sightseeing fares.

The proposed tariff states that sedan/limousine service is available at flexible rates. The Compact requires fixed-rates and fixed-fares. Prices are displayed for service to and from airports, but it is not clear whether the prices apply on an individual or group basis. Further, prices are stated for service to and from BWI and some are stated for service between points in Virginia, on the one hand, and National and Dulles Airports, on the other. BWI is not within the Commission's jurisdiction, and the Commission does not have jurisdiction over transportation wholly within Virginia. Applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff containing fixed-rates and fixed-fares only, indicating which apply on an individual basis and which on a group basis, omitting any reference to BWI and eliminating any fares or rates for service wholly within Virginia.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

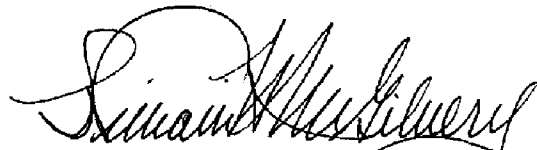
1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than July 22, 1996, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than August 12, 1996, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than July 22, 1996, an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff containing fixed-rates and fixed-fares only, indicating which apply on an individual basis and which on a group basis, omitting any reference to BWI and eliminating any fares or rates for service wholly within Virginia.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is August 12, 1996, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Mr. Ali Zohery, 800-4th Street, S.W., Suite S-222, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William H. McGilvery
Executive Director